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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants - Kenneth R. Rosensteel Jr. et al

Serial Number - 09/896,156

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For - Method and Data Processing System Providing File I/O Across
Multiple Heterogeneous Computer Systems

Examiner - Wen-Tai Lin

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed on March 17, 2005, Applicants are resubmitting the corrected "Amendments to the claims" and "Remarks" sections of the non-compliant amendment document mailed on December 17, 2004 pursuant to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) contained in the Office Communication. The resubmitted section is as follows: